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1. WHEN I MET WITH FAHMY AT 2130 LOCAL THIS EVENING, I ASKED IF HE HAD ANY LATE NEWS ON WHETHER A UNEF MANDATE RENEWAL RESOLUTION HAD YET BEEN PASSED. WITH SOME IRE, FAHMY REPLIED HE HAD "STOPPED" IT. RECALLING AL-BAZ'S CALL TO ME EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON, FAHMY CLAIMED UK REPRESENTATIVE CONTINUES TO BE TROUBLESOME. PURPORTING TO BE SPEAKING FOR THE EC-9, HE HAD CHANGED "APPRECIATION" FOR SADAT'S ROLE TO "SATISFACTION". WHILE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD INITIALLY SUPPORTED "APPRECIATION", UK REPRESENTATIVE HAD WON HIM OVER.

2. ALTHOUGH FAHMY CONCEDED PRIVATELY THAT THE TWO TERMS WERE NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENT, UK REPRESENTATIVE'S ACTION HAS GOTTEN HIS BACK UP AND HE SPOKE OF LETTING THE DEBATE GO ON FOR A WEEK IF NECESSARY. "WHO ARE THE EC-9?", HE ASKED RHETORICALLY. "THIS WHOLE BUSINESS WAS COOKED UP BETWEEN YOU AND OURSELVES". IT DOES NOT TAKE A RESOLUTION TO KEEP UNEF HERE, FAHMY ARGUED, AND HE WAS PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

3. IF "SATISFACTION" IS CHANGED BACK TO "APPRECIATION", FAHMY SAID, RESOLUTION WILL AT ONCE BE ACCEPTED.

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